

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Footbridge, Trail and Picnic Site Development at the Pond

LOCATION: Castle Crags State Park

COUNTY: Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Improve access to existing pond area at entrance station by constructing two foot bridges including abutments, rock retaining walls, and log fence around the perimeter of the pond; developing two picnic sites by installing accessible tables and constructing a short trail connecting picnic sites to existing trail. This project is designed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines. No known archaeological sites exist in the proposed footprint, however should the project result in identifying significant archaeological resources, work will cease until an appropriate data treatment program is designed and implemented. All such cultural resource management activities will be conducted by or under the supervision of a California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) qualified archaeologist. Imported material such as dirt and rocks will be weed-free.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 3, 4, 11 Section: 15301, 15303, 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and the placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities; and is included as "fencing", "trail construction or realignment" and "construction or installation of additional public use facilities (picnic tables, lockers, etc.)" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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